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HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RAISING OF NEW BATTALIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to raise new battalions in paramilitary forces including ITBP in addition to 26 Indian Reserve Battalions already sanctioned for anti-naxal operations in the country,

(b) if so, the deails in this regards; and

(c) the extent to which existing central forces are likely to get relief thereafter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (c): The requirement of Central Police Force (CPF) Battalions for border guarding, dealing with counter insurgency, internal security (including anti-naxal operations) and law and order situations is assessed from time to time, and additional battalions are sanctioned wherever required. In the recent past, 20 battalions to ITBP and 20 Battalions to SSB have been sanctioned. The Government has also approved raising of additional India Reserve Battalions by the States. These measures are expected to give significant relief to the personnel of concerned Forces.